

CAPE FEAR AND DEEP RIVER.

Mr. Editor: I was much pleased to see in a late number of your paper, an honest and independent opinion expressed by you about the works on the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers. It is time that public attention was directed to the wasteful expenditure of the public money on these rivers...

In the year 1848, the people of the county of Chatham, aided by some of the citizens of the town of Wilmington, procured to be surveyed the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers, with a view to render them navigable by means of slack water improvements...

At the session of the General Assembly in 1849, a charter was granted with a capital of \$200,000, and in a supplemental bill of the same session, the State agreed to take \$20,000 of the stock, being two-fifths of the total capital of the Company.

In 1852, the Cape Fear and Deep River Company, finding that Mr. Thompson had greatly underrated the cost of rendering those streams navigable, in his original report...

But let us proceed. In 1854, this Company, finding that Mr. Thompson's estimates were still far below the mark, even with the addition of \$150,000 to their capital given in 1852...

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stitute between the Lehigh and Delaware Slack Water improvements built, as the committee say, by the same Engineer, Mr. Douglass, being about the same as to distance, and the Cape Fear and Deep River Works, and which further say, cost about Eleven Millions of Dollars...

But the President says that "the operations of the company have been very much embarrassed and retarded, in consequence of the many and continued freshets with which we had to contend, and to which our improvements, unlike any other in the State, are exposed..."

I see that the Legislature has recently passed a resolution, authorizing the Governor to employ Maj. Gwynn to examine and report as to the present condition of the Cape Fear and Deep River works...

But Maj. Gwynn has been appointed to look at the charter of the company—the several acts of Assembly granting them aid, and see if the conditions of the grants are being complied with...

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DANVILLE CONNECTION.

SENATE CHAMBER. Raleigh, December 18th, 1856. Messrs. Editors:—I find in the Standard of this date, a communication, which seems to have the ear-marks of authority...

My first impression, from its heading, was, that it was a "special" message from his Excellency the Governor of the State. In this, it seems, I was mistaken. It, however, possesses in an eminent degree, the characteristics, by way of suggestions and recommendations, of a document that smacked of power and place...

It is admitted, in the first place, "that the State has no right to refuse, under ordinary circumstances, corporate powers to carry on any lawful occupation..."

Truths are stubborn things. And now to the record up to within a very recent date. There was no road within the State of North Carolina accessible to the people of the west nearer than the city of Raleigh...

Did the Charlotte road receive any assistance from the State? Not one dime. What was next proposed by these western people? To build the N. C. road!

Had they not proposed another and a very different scheme, then there might be some plausibility in the argument. Why return to them the amount of taxes contributed for their self destruction?

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HUNTINGTON, THE FORGER—THE INSANITY DODGE.

We once heard one of the most experienced and successful legal gentlemen in this county—and, by the way, at present, an ex-senator, and a keen politician—give his opinion of mankind at large. He said that thirty years of daily professional practice had brought him in contact with all classes of minds...

The insanity "dodge" which the counsel for Huntington openly announced to the community, convinces us that the legal gentleman above alluded to, is not the only one who estimates mankind thus. The world at large must be composed of knaves and fools to listen for a moment to such a plea...

I have felt it my duty to say thus much in defence of right,—in the defence of those principles that strike at the very existence of government itself. The paltry tax upon stamped paper, and the tax upon tea, of which our ancestors so much complained, seems an exceedingly small matter...

THE GAY DECEIVER IN LIMBO.

A breach of promise, of a peculiarly aggravated character, says the Newark Mercury of Thursday, has just transpired. A young man, employed in one of our large clothing establishments, some months since, formed the acquaintance of a young lady of attractive appearance and unexceptionable character...

FATHER MATHEW. Father Mathew, the Apostle of Temperance, died at Cork on the 9th of December. Theobald Mathew was born at Thomastown, Ireland, October 10, 1790. He was left an orphan at an early age...

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TANKER MORALITY.

Divorce in Salem, Massachusetts. The following divorces have been granted at the late session of the Supreme Court in Salem: Wm. Small from Irene M. Small for adultery; Benjamin Fuller from Ellen M. Fuller for adultery; Abby L. Caldwell from Lewis H. Caldwell, for adultery...

There is not a city in New England which makes greater pretensions to "moral tone" than this same city of Salem. A theatre was started there some twenty-five years ago, but public opinion frowned it down. Amusements of almost any character, are looked upon as very questionable indulgences...

FREE LOVE IN MISSOURI. One Brave Figure in Two Marriages. The following brace of marriages appeared in The St. Joseph's Gazette of last Wednesday week. On the 22d inst., by Rev. A. V. C. Schenck, Mr. Wm. C. Williams to Miss Jane Bradley...

ROGUES FALLING OUT. An unholy war has broken out among the Holy Allies of the New York Free Soil press. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and the "Independent," his quondam organ, are berating each other in a most unbecoming manner. It seems that Beecher, whilst not actively employed in enlisting recruits and buying rifles for Kansas...

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FAMILY GROCERIES.

SUGARS—Loaf, Crushed, Ground, Porto Rico and R. C. COFFEE—Mocha, old Java, Laguira and Rio, of various qualities, old and new crop. TEA—Gun Powder and Imperial, a choice article. MOLASSES—New Orleans, Cuba and Cienfuegos. CHEESE—Goshen and Pine Apple. CHOCOLATE—No. 1 and La Vanille, the latter a superior article. SARDINES—Half and Quarter Boxes. RAISINS—Whole, Half and Quarter Boxes. SICILY ALMONDS—Fibbers, Currants, Citron, Mace, Nutmegs, Macarino and Vermicelli. CANDLES—Star and other Brands, in whole, half and 6 lb boxes. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Whole and quarter Bbls. CANDIES—Assorted and Fancy. CRACKERS—Butter and Soda. PICKLED SALMON, Mackerel, Tongues and Lobsters. Smoked Tongues and Codfish. ALSO A good Stock of PRIME CIGARS, of the Washington, O. R. Salbana, Don Pedro and other Brands. All of which will be sold low for CASH, by THOMAS M. FARROW. Dec. 9, 1856.

Notice—Equity Sales. BY order of Court, I will expose to public sale, at the Court House, in Charlotte, on the 10th day of January next, 7 Likely Negroes: CREECH, aged 50 to 55 years, JIM, SARAH, ALFRED, GREEN, 14, CREECH, jr., 7, and JIM, jr., 3. All to be sold on a credit of 12 months, the purchasers giving Bonds with interest from the day of sale, with approved security. D. R. DUNLAP, C. M. E. Dec. 9, 1856—102an

DR. WATT, Dentist, having occasion to go to Virginia on professional business, will be absent until the 1st of January, 1857. State of North Carolina, LINCOLN COUNTY. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, April Session, 1856. J. W. Lowe, Adm'r, and others, vs. Rufus Ballard, and others. Petition to sell Real Estate for assets in the hands of the Administrator. It appearing from the affidavit of Petitioner, J. W. Lowe, that Rufus Ballard, David Ballard, Presley Cox and wife Epsey, the defendants in this proceeding, are non-residents of this State, and beyond the ordinary process of this Court. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Western Democrat for six weeks, notifying the said defendants that they be and appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Lincoln at the Court House in Lincolnton, on the 2d Monday in January, 1857, then and there to plead, answer or demur to Plaintiff's petition, or Judgment, pro confesso, will be taken against them, and a decree made ex parte according to the merits of Plaintiff's petition. In testimony whereof, I have this, 4th Dec. 1856, signed my name and affixed the seal of said County. J. A. HUSS, Clerk. By W. R. CLARK, D. C.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. I will sell, on Monday of January Court, the STORE-HOUSE, and DWELLING attached, known as the J. K. Harrison property. Also, 4 Unimproved Lots in the Town of Charlotte, and 500 Acres of Land in Union County. Terms made known on day of Sale. H. B. WILLIAMS, Trustee. Dec. 23, 1856.

EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Office Up Stairs in new Brick Building opposite Boone & Co's shoe store. Drafts on New York and Charleston, S. C. Gold and Silver, and uncurrent Bank Bills BOUGHT AND SOLD. And special attention paid to the collection of claims by JOHN MCGRIE & CO., Dec. 23, 1856 5t Charlotte, N. C. Whig copy 1m

VALUABLE HOTEL IN CHARLOTTE, FOR SALE. BY virtue of a Deed of Trust to me executed, B. J. will offer at public sale, upon the premises, at 1 o'clock, P. M., on the 27th of January next, being Tuesday of County Court, the Hotel known as the RAILROAD HOTEL, situated contiguous to the depot of the Charlotte and South Carolina and the North Carolina Rail Roads in Charlotte. The Hotel building is entirely new, commodious and tasty in appearance, and so located as to give commanding advantages for the patronage of the through travel of both Rail Roads. The purchaser will give notes with approved security, due one half in six and the other in twelve months, bearing interest from date. JOHN A. YOUNG, Trustee. December 23, 1856. 25-0

LAND FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for sale one valuable Tract of Land, lying within one mile of Statesville, N. C., adjoining the lands of A. K. Simonton, P. H. Dalton and others, containing about 230 Acres, of which is well timbered. There is an excellent meadow, and a quantity of good upland in a high state of cultivation; there is also a good DWELLING HOUSE, and all necessary out buildings. For further particulars apply to A. W. JAGGINS of Statesville, or the subscriber J. R. B. ADAMS. December 23, 1856. 25 3t EDGEWORTH FEMALE SEMINARY, Greensborough, N. C. THE next Session of this Institution will commence on Friday, January 24, 1857. The course of study is designed to embrace everything necessary to a substantial and professional Education. The Seminary is divided into the SOLID BRANCHES, in which labor nor expense has been spared to secure Instructors of the highest qualifications in their various departments, and to make Edgeworth second to no Institution in the country, in everything necessary to a complete Education. For circulars containing Terms, Course of Instruction, &c., apply to RICHARD STERLING, Principal. Dec. 23, 1856. 25-4